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OF GREEK-CYPRIOTS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN JULY 2 TO PROTEST FORCIBLE DISPLACEMENT BY TURKS OF ABOUT 860 GREEK-CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS AREA TO NICOSIA. ALEXANDRAKIS INDICATED THAT SMALL PERCENTAGE OF 860 HAD MANY MONTHS AGO REQUESTED REPATRIATION TO SOUTH, BUT MOST OF DISPLACED PERSONS WERE GREEK-CYPRIOTS WHO HAD WANTED TO REMAIN IN KARPASS. IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT BY LAINGEN, ALEXANDRAKIS ADMITTED THAT SOME OF 48 TURKISH-CYPRIOTS TRYING TO MOVE FROM PAPHOS AREA TO NORTH HAD PROBABLY BEEN PHYSICALLY MISTREATED BY GREEK-CYPRIOTS, BUT HE CLAIMED GOG IS TAKING MEASURES AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MISTREATMENT.

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2. LAINGEN TOLD ALEXANDRAKIS THAT WE SHARE GREEK CONCERN ABOUT DISPLACEMENT OF GREEK-CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS, THAT WE ARE MAKING OUR CONCERN KNOWN TO TURKS, BUT THAT WE STRONGLY REGRET ANY UNILATERAL ACTION BY EITHER SIDE WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS ATMOSPHERE FOR PROGRESS IN CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY ALEXANDRAKIS, LAINGEN SAID HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER WE WOULD MAKE OUR

CONCERN TO THE TURKS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AS WE ARE STILL SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISPLACEMENT. INGERSOLL

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